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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted Preliminary Amendment to the Continued Patent Application (including a request for a three month extension of time) being filed concurrently herewith. A check in the amount of \$ 1,181.00 is enclosed, itemized as follows: \$ 736.00 as the filing fee for a continued prosecution application and \$445.00 as the fee for a 3 month extension of time. The Commissioner is requested to consider this paper a request for extension of time to reply to the Office Action of June 29, 2000, bringing the due date to December 29, 2000. Should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct the fees from Vinson & Elkins L.L.P. Deposit Account No. 22-0365/INN643/4-013. Applicant requests that the following amendments be considered.